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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

Sir:

This is responsive to the November 1, 2005 final Office Action issued regarding the above-referenced patent application. Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

In the event that the Examiner fails to find allowable subject matter upon review of the claims and remarks as presented herein, applicants respectfully request a telephone interview to include the Examiner, the Examiner's supervisor and a Practice Specialist, prior to the issuance of any further actions for this application.